



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Tohru YASUKOHCHI et al.

Appln. No.: 09/367,642

Group Art Unit: 1613

Filed: August 19, 1999

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: OXIRANE DERIVATIVE AND PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Claim 1, line 6, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;
line 9, after "on" please insert --a--;
line 25, please delete "value" and insert --values--.
- Claim 2, line 5, after "on" please insert --a--.
- Claim 3, line 6, after "on" please insert --a--.
- Claim 4, line 1, please delete "any one of Claims";
line 2, please delete "1 to 3" and insert --Claim 1 or Claim 2--.

5. A process for the preparation of an oxirane derivative [defined] as in [any one of

Claims 1 to 2] Claim 1 or Claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the water content in the

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